

# SARE 'FARMING FOR THE FUTURE' TRAINING SURVEY

We would like your opinions on the program content of this training. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. If you do not have an opinion about a particular statement, please write "no opinion."

| Pre-Training Responses |          |                |       |                | Post-Training Responses   |                   |          |                |       |                |
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| Strongly Disagree      | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |   | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I am knowledgeable about the following production systems:  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Pastured-raised swine   |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Grass-fed lamb  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Grass-fed dairy cattle  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Honey bee production  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Grass-fed beef  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Pasture-raised poultry  |                   |          |                |       |                |
| Strongly Disagree      | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | I am knowledgeable about the following marketing/sales avenues:   | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Marketing product at farmers markets  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Marketing product through Community Supported Agriculture programs  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Marketing product through buying-clubs  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Marketing product on-farm   |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | Wholesale marketing   |                   |          |                |       |                |
| Strongly Disagree      | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I understand the difference in terminology such as 'certified organic', 'sustainably produced', 'pasture-raised', 'grass-fed', 'free-range', etc. |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I am familiar with a variety of sustainable/organic agriculture production methods.   |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I understand the variety of obstacles sustainable/organic operations face.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I understand the economic issues relating to sustainable/organic operations.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I understand the environmental impacts of sustainable/organic operations.   |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I understand the social aspects of sustainable/organic operations.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I am aware of educational resources for sustainable/organic farming.  |                   |          |                |       |                |

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|                        |          |                |       |                | I am familiar with State and Federal sustainable agricultural programs available to limited resource farmers and ranchers.               |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I recognize the importance of sustainable agriculture as a practice and its potential to improve profitability for farmers and ranchers. |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I believe sustainable/organic practices are applicable alternatives for my clientele.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I would recommend some/all of these production methods to landowners.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I would encourage landowners to explore sustainable/organic production systems.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
|                        |          |                |       |                | I feel confident that I can design and host a sustainable/organic agriculture workshop.  |                   |          |                |       |                |

| Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:                                 | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| The pre-training materials were helpful in preparing for the training.                             |                   |          |                |       |                |
| I felt prepared for what to expect prior to the training.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
| The training was well organized and objectives were clearly explained.                             |                   |          |                |       |                |
| I feel that my educational expectations were met.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
| I am satisfied with the variety of topics covered.   |                   |          |                |       |                |
| I would be interested in participating in additional trainings on sustainable/organic agriculture. |                   |          |                |       |                |
| If yes, What types?  |                   |          |                |       |                |
| The lodging and transportation arrangements were convenient and comfortable.                       |                   |          |                |       |                |
| Overall, I was satisfied with the training.  |                   |          |                |       |                |
| I would recommend this training to other agriculture leaders.                                      |                   |          |                |       |                |
| <b>Additional Comments</b>   |                   |          |                |       |                |